

February 15, 2006

Mr. Larry Lumsden
Chair
Town of Greensboro
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Dear Mr. Lumsden:

I am responding to your letter of February 7, which arrived this Tuesday.

I appreciate that the people of Greensboro have many valid questions about using the former Lakeview Inn for a mental health recovery residence. I'm sure that you can appreciate, however, that we in state government have a responsibility to find appropriate sites for such programs.

That being the case, regardless of the ultimate outcome of this or any other proposal, we feel an obligation to continue working with Northeast Kingdom Human Services to address the many questions, fears and objections that have been voiced about the Lakeview Inn proposal. There are good answers to many of these questions.

I believe that we and the people of Greensboro both will learn much that is valuable in pursuing this effort. I ask you to work with us in seeking further opportunities to address the many issues that have been raised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul E Jarris, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul E. Jarris, MD
Commissioner

cc: Peter Gebbie, Anne Stevens, Eric Grims, Paul Blake, Sen. Robert Starr, Sen. Vincent Illuzzi,
Rep John Morley, Rep. John Rodgers, Cathy Rousse